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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Tuesday, 23 December 1997

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Somalia*

Cyprus (S/1997/962, S/1997/973 and S/1997/997)**

Working methods of the Security Council

Other matters

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* Possibly followed by a formal meeting.

** Possibly followed by a formal meeting following the adjournment of the formal meeting on Somalia.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Tuesday, 23 December 1997

Announcement

As from Thursday, 4 December 1997, and for the rest of the month, the President of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place at 1.15 p.m. or upon completion of the Council's deliberations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The Open-Ended Working Group on the Question of Equitable Representation on and Increase in the Membership of the Security Council and Other Matters Related to the Security Council will convene its first meetings on 27 and 28 January 1998. If necessary, meetings will continue on 30 January 1998. More detailed information on documentation and other matters will be announced at a later date.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Committee on Non-governmental Organizations will hold its resumed 1997 session at United Nations Headquarters from 12 to 16 January 1998, in Conference Room 4. The agenda is contained in document E/C.2/1997/1.

In accordance with Economic and Social Council decision 1997/297, the Committee will also meet at United Nations Headquarters from 19 to 23 January 1998, to consider enlargement of the Committee and issues related to the Committee's methods of work.

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Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund

The Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA will hold pre-session informal consultations on all matters before the first regular session 1998 and in particular on document DP/1998/3 on the review of policy implications of change on core and non-core funding. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, 6 January 1998, at 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

The first regular session 1998 of the Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA will be held from 19 to 23 January 1998 in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The session will resume on Monday, 26 January 1998, at 3 p.m. for a joint meeting with the Executive Board of UNICEF.

The provisional agenda, annotations, list of documents and work plan are contained in document DP/1998/L.1.

Delegations, as well as observers, are requested to fax their credentials to the secretariat of the Executive Board (906-5634) as soon as possible, but no later than 12 January 1998.

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United Nations Development Programme

The United Nations Development Programme will hold informal consultations on UNDP funding strategy on Thursday, 8 January 1998, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 5. All interested delegations are invited.

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United Nations Children's Fund

Intersessional meeting

An intersessional meeting on budget matters will take place on Wednesday, 7 January 1998, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

Pre-session information briefing

An informal pre-session information briefing on matters before the Executive Board at its first regular session for 1998 (26-28 and 30 January 1998) will take place on Friday, 16 January 1998, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

First Regular Session

The first regular session for 1998 of the UNICEF Executive Board will take place from 26 to 28 and 30 January 1998 at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/1998/2.

Delegations are requested to fax their credentials to the Secretary of the Executive Board (326-7096) as soon as possible, but no later than 21 January 1998. In accordance with rule 50(2) of the rules of procedure and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate with their credentials their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

SUMMARY OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Thursday, 18 December 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE — 44th meeting

Programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997 [115]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Report of the Secretary-General on the second performance report (A/C.5/52/32)

The Chairman made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, Uganda and Cuba.

The Controller responded to questions posed.

The representative of the United States made an oral proposal.

The representative of Cuba made a statement.

The Chairman made a statement and postponed the decision on this matter.

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 [116]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Report of the Secretary-General on the revised estimates in respect of matters of which the Security Council is seized (A/C.5/52/24 and A/52/7/Add.6)

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided, without a vote, to recommend to the General Assembly that it take note of the report of the Secretary-General and concur with the observations and recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/52/L.68 B: The situation in Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security (A/C.5/52/33)

The Chairman made a statement.

The representative of Pakistan made a statement.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided, without a vote, to recommend to the General Assembly that should it adopt draft resolution A/52/L.68 B, an additional appropriation of $4,007,700 would be required under section 3 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999; an additional appropriation of $327,300 would also be required under section 32, Staff assessment, to be offset by a corresponding amount under income section 1, Income from staff assessment. These requirements will be considered in the context of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/52/L.72: United Nations reform: measures and proposals (A/C.5/52/36)

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions orally presented the related report of that Committee.

Statements were made by the representatives of Cuba, Germany, Cameroon and Uganda.

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions responded to questions posed.

Following a statement by the Chairman, the Committee decided to postpone the decision on this question.

Report of the Secretary-General on the contingency fund: consolidated statement of programme budget implications and revised estimates (A/C.5/52/35)

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions orally presented the report of that Committee.

Statements were made by the representatives of Egypt and Cuba.

The Controller responded to questions posed.

The Chairman made a statement.

The representative of Cameroon also made a statement.

In accordance with paragraph 5 of the annex to General Assembly resolution 42/211, and on the proposal of the

Chairman, the Committee decided, without a vote, to recommend to the General Assembly the appropriation of the required amount of $245,200 under section 6, Legal Affairs, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 as indicated in paragraph 2 of the document A/C.5/52/35; furthermore, the Fifth Committee requested the General Assembly to take note that a balance of $18,754,800 would remain in the contingency fund.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

Report of the Secretary-General on revised estimates: Effect of changes in rates of exchange and inflation (A/C.5/52/34)

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions orally presented the report of that Committee.

Statements were made by the representatives of Thailand and Cameroon.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided, without a vote, to recommend to the General Assembly that it take note of the report of the Secretary-General on the revised estimates: Effect on changes in rates of exchange and inflation, as contained in document A/C.5/52/34.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

Organization of work

Statements were made by the representatives of Uganda and Latvia.

The Chairman also made a statement.

Other matters

The President of the General Assembly made a statement in connection with the programme of work of the Fifth Committee.

The Chairman also made a statement.

Friday, 19 December 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE 45th meeting

Programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997 [115]

The Committee continued its consideration of this agenda item.

Report of the Secretary-General on the second performance report (A/C.5/52/32)

The Chairman made a statement.

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 [116]

The Committee continued its consideration of this agenda item.

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/52/L.72/Rev.1: United Nations reform: measures and proposals (A/C.5/52/36)

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided, without a vote, to inform the General Assembly that should it adopt draft resolution A/52/L.72/Rev.1, the programme budget implications arising out of the draft resolution would be considered in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

Ninth report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on salary and retirement allowance of the Secretary-General and salary and pensionable remuneration of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme (A/52/7/Add.8)

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions presented the report of that Committee.

The representative of the United States made a statement.

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions made a statement.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided, without a vote, to recommend to the General Assembly that it adopt the draft resolution contained in the annex to the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.

Programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997 [115]

The Committee continued its consideration of this agenda item.

Report of the Secretary-General on the second performance report (A/C.5/52/32)

The Chairman made a statement and postponed the decision on this matter.

Organization of work

The Chairman of the Committee made a statement.

Other matters

Statements were made by the representatives of Cameroon and the Russian Federation.

Monday, 22 December 1997

SECURITY COUNCIL

3844th meeting

The situation between Iraq and Kuwait

Letter dated 17 December 1997 from the Executive Chairman of the Special Commission established by the Secretary-General pursuant to paragraph 9 (b)(i) of Security Council resolution 687 (1991) addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/1997/987)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President made a statement on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/1997/56).

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

79th plenary meeting

Note: The summary of the 79th plenary meeting of the General Assembly will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1997/ 248).

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE 46th meeting

Note: The summary of the 46th meeting of the Fifth Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1997/ 248).

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

COMMISSION ON
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT
Sixth Session 1st meeting

Opening of the session

The temporary Chairman, H.E. Mr. Bagher Asadi (Islamic Republic of Iran), opened the session.

Election of Officers

The Commission elected, by acclamation, H.E. Mr. Cielito Habito (Philippines) as Chairman.

The Commission elected, by acclamation, Mr. Michael Odevall (Norway), H.E. Mr. Rogatien Biaou (Benin) and Ms. Marta Galindo (Colombia) as Vice-Chairmen and postponed to a later session the election of one Vice-Chairman.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Amendment to article 20, paragraph 1 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, adopted by the States Parties at their eighth meeting on 22 May 1995

Acceptance: Mongolia (19 December 1997)*

* The date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Amendment to article 43 (2) of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, adopted by the Conference of the States Parties on 12 December 1995

Acceptance: Mongolia (19 December 1997)*

Convention on Road Traffic, concluded at Vienna on 8 November 1968

Accession: Mongolia (19 December 1997)*

Convention on Road Signs and Signals, concluded at Vienna on 8 November 1968

Accession: Mongolia (19 December 1997)*

* The date of receipt of the relevant documents.

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